Central Assistance for maintenance of National Highways

727. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of National Highways in the country; and

(b) the Central assistance for maintenance, widening and development of National Highways in the States, State-wise during 7th and 8th Five Year Plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) the details are given at Annexure. [*See Appendix 184, Annexure No.* 22]

Sailing of M.V. Nicobar to Chennai on 4th November, 1997 without Sailor

728. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether M.V. Nicobar ship sailed for Chennai on 4th November, 1997 instead of Calcutta;

(b) if so, whether Government is aware that the Nicobar ship's voyage to Chennai without the sailore was the violation of Merchant Shipping Act; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken against the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir, there was no violation of any provision of the Merchant Shipping Act as prior requisite permission was granted by the Directorate General of Shipping for sailing the vessel to Chennai with trained deck and engine crew from Indian Navy and the Saloon/Canteen crew from the Police canteen at Port Blair.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Plan outlay for development of Highways

729. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state total amount sanctioned for development, maintenance and repairs for National Highways during the period of 8th Five Year Plan and the outlay for 9th Five Year Plan; State wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): Statements indicating the amount sanctioned for development and maintenance and repair of National Highways during the 8th Five Year Plan are annexed (Statement I and II) (*See below*). 9th Five Year Plan outlay has not yet been finalised.

Statement I

Allocation for development of National Highways during Eighth Five Year Plan

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs.	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2400.00	4450.00	4590.50	4010.00	3029.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	80.00	100.00	130.00	—	0.00